





AND still we are without official returns from the late election. Some of the enterprising newspapers of the circuit come to us without even the vote of the precinct in which they are printed, though issued two days after the election. Enterprise will be the death of these papers yet.

THE STATE SOVEREIGNTY HERESY

(From the Atlanta Telegraph.)

There are indications that the Democracy are about to revive the heresy of state sovereignty in the North as the future platform of their party and as a measure for promoting closer union with their brethren of the South. Notwithstanding that this question was decided by one of the bloodiest wars of history, in favor of the supremacy of the National Government, and notwithstanding the frantic calls made of late by Democratic governors for Federal troops to put down local disturbances, thus giving the lie to their profession, notwithstanding all this the hydra-headed heresy seems to be coming to the front as the prominent plank of the Democratic platform. The St. Louis Republican is especially fluent in disseminating this political fallacy, and counts that day lost in which it does not promulgate an article on the sovereignty of the states under the constitution. The utmost that can be made of the guarantee of state "sovereignty" in the "articles of confederation and perpetual union" between the states, is that of sovereignty in the management of local affairs. The constitution expressly denies to the states all attributes of sovereignty as independent nationalities: they are forbidden to coin money, declare war, make peace, issue letters of marque and reprisal, etc. Those being the attributes of sovereignty, without which no community could exist as an independent nationality, and the states being shorn of these by express provision of the constitution, the remaining constituents of sovereignty are not worth considering. That the original thirteen states brought certain reserved "rights," as independent powers, into the Federal Union, is the fallacy which specially afflicts the Democracy. The fact is that the original thirteen states never had any separate or independent existence. Until the declaration of peace between America and the mother country the states were parts and parcels of the British empire, so recognized by all the nations of the earth. When the treaty of peace was signed it was between the Throne and the Continental Congress. King George did not recognize the independence of South Carolina, or of Massachusetts, but of the new confederacy as a whole. The states, it will thus be seen, never had any separate national existence. From being parts of the British empire they became parts of the American Republic. There was no interim. The claim, then, that they brought any reserved "sovereign" rights into the Union is absurd, from the fact that they never had any separate national existence, and therefore never had any sovereign rights to bring in.

But the claim to "sovereign rights" of any other state that subsequently became a part of the Union is especially absurd, as such other states were erected by the National Government out of territory purchased, acquired or conquered from foreign countries. To admit that any such state has any "sovereign rights" is to assert that the creature is greater than the creator. For the Democracy, for instance, to claim that Missouri, a part of the Louisiana purchase, has any sovereign rights, to entitle her to separate national existence, is folly. Every foot of land in Missouri was bought from France, paid for and is owned by the national government. Missouri never had any sovereign rights and therefore could bring none into the Union. For convenience of administration the national government granted to that section of territory known as Missouri a government, to conduct local affairs to patty for the national administration to be troubled with, but at the same time subordinate to the general government. When the state legislature of Missouri passed the ordinance of secession it might just as well have passed a resolution reading as follows:

Resolved, That we, the state legislature of Missouri, a body created by and subordinate to the United States government, hereby sever ourselves from that portion of territory, known as Missouri, which was purchased, paid for and is now owned by the United States.

This is what the heresy of "state rights" amounts to, and nothing more.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 9.—A meeting of anti-administration republicans was held in this city to-night, and adopted resolutions bitterly denouncing President Hayes for his southern policy, declaring that the second resolution of the convention is inconsistent with its principles of the Republican party, as a falsehood adopted solely for party expediency, a libel upon the republicans of Ohio, and unworthy of the grand record of the party. A resolution was also adopted, inviting republicans throughout the state to correspond with them and advise as to the course to be pursued during the present campaign. An executive committee was appointed to receive correspondence.

MURAT, DICK AND JOHN.

A Visit to the Three Managing Editors of Cincinnati.

N. Y. Tribune

My first visit on arriving in the city yesterday was to Murat Halstead. I found him, as always, hard at work in his room on the ground floor of the Commercial office, just back of the counting room. It is accessible to all the world, and he was interrupted by callers about twice every five minutes in the midst of the editorial he was writing.

"How can you write in this way?" I asked; "why don't you put a guard at the door, or else move your quarters up stairs?"

"I have often thought of doing that, but I learn a great deal by being where everybody can get at me. Besides the boss would follow me if I went to the top of the tall tower, while the man who gives me valuable information wouldn't take the trouble to climb the stairs. Come and sup with me at half past 11 across the road at the St. Nicholas and I'll have time to talk."

Mr. Halstead is probably the hardest worker of all the men who control great newspapers. He writes more editorial matter than any of his assistants, reads all the important exchanges, and does his own editing, and seldom goes home nights until he sees the Commercial in press. His capacity for brain work is wonderful. One day during the last campaign he wrote the whole editorial page of his paper, paragraphs, leaders and all, with the exception of two short articles. He never employs a stenographer, but gets through the physical drudgery of writing without assistance, driving his pen over the paper at a tremendous rate. Every night he takes supper at the same place and at the same hour. To share this repast is a privilege which any journalist would value highly. The editor's hard work is over then, he has only to go back to the office, read the late dispatches, and throw off a few of his pungent paragraphs, so he is not in a hurry and usually feels in a genial, talkative mood.

Mr. Richard Smith, of the Gazette, does not come down to his office at night. He is to be found at any time through the day after 10 o'clock in a room over the publication office, to which access is had by a dark and dirty back staircase. In this room four of his associates work, and the only distinction enjoyed by the chief is, that he has a little bigger desk and easier chair than the rest, and perhaps a trifle more elbow room. Mr. Smith does not write much himself, but his paper is under his watchful supervision in all its departments, and is made to reflect his ideas on all public questions. It is not a party organ in the sense of being subservient to administration or opposition, but it represents pretty accurately the views of the mass of Ohio republicans, so that it is regarded as a republican newspaper in a sense which its rival, the Commercial, is not. One works with the party always, but is an independent faction, the other works against the party whenever it is not suited with its course.

Mr. John R. McLean, of the Enquirer, is one of the youngest men occupying prominent positions in journalism. I should not take him for a day older than thirty. He is remarkably bright and energetic, and has impressed his qualities upon the paper to such an extent that he has transformed it from an old fashioned, slow going political organ, with no aim save to echo the sentiments of a parcel of party hacks, into one of the most wide-awake, enterprising, liberal and widely read dailies in the country. He has a hobby—to replace the bank notes with greenbacks—and he rides it on all occasions. He believes his constant advocacy of this notion has secured for the Enquirer its extraordinary increase of circulation. In this he is partly right, the greenback theory being very popular in the West, but he modestly overlooks the chief cause of his success, the fact that he is making a live paper, and securing the news fields with great energy and sagacity. Like the other Cincinnati editors, Mr. McLean is very democratic in his working habits. Everybody about the "office" down to the printer's devil can come into his sanctum to ask questions at all times, and the standing answer to outside callers who enquire for the editor in the counting room is to "walk right up stairs."

CO-OPERATION among working people in the purchase of the necessities of life and co-operation in the saving of money with which to purchase a home, are suggested as among the effective remedies during business depression like the present. There is a catch penny proverb which says "Economy is wealth," when, in fact, economy of itself, which in this relation means saving, produces nothing; it simply stops wasteful expenditure of that which is produced by labor. So, too, with schemes of co-operation whereby the cost of living is reduced and men are enabled to "save" portions of their earnings with security and profit to themselves. These are excellent aids to the man who has a little money to spend or a little money which he can save; but they are of no use to the man without work and without an income. All who can make use of safe schemes of co-operation, such as building and loan associations, whereby they can save money with profit, or co-operative stores, whereby they may reduce the cost of the necessities of life, purchased for cash, should avail themselves of their opportunities, and thus learn valuable lessons of economy, which shall serve them well in days of widespread distress. For the present, however, the question is not what we may save against a rainy season to come, but

what shall we do when so many are without income to waste or save? Co-operation is again recommended, this time co-operation in work of all kinds. In a limited number of occupations, where the capital required is not large, co-operation may be employed to advantage, but the great mass of workers will have to co-operate with capitalists, and capital is not likely to return to the bed and board of labor, until the wild and lawless agitators who misrepresent labor enter bonds of some kind to keep the peace.

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Certainly no truer words were ever spoken, and yet the time has come when it seems that parties will be drawn into this struggle hardly a greater piece of foolishness could be imagined than this division of the votes of the rich and the poor. The breach has been opened by demagogues for their own personal interest, and it is kept open by an unscrupulous press subsidized in their interest. The basis of the American government is equality and unity, and whenever the poor are massed against the rich, unity and its adjunct—equality—are destroyed. The truth in a nut shell was given by the Rev. Joseph Cook in his lecture lately delivered in this city, when he said that every man in this country who is poor might, or his children might, naturally expect to become rich, and that every rich man or his children might at any time become poor.—Hence the interest of the rich man was undoubtedly the poor man's interest, and the poor man's welfare was equally as surely the rich man's interest. The strikes and riots which have just taken place have brought this question of remuneration for labor prominently before the people, and whatever rights labor is robbed of, the people will see restored to them at an early day. Neither political party has yet proposed to establish any plan by which the laborer is to be vastly benefited. The remedy, when it comes, will come more from the moral pressure of the whole people impelling capital to deal fairly and justly with employes, than it will through the interference of political parties. The principal issues of politics remain to the laborer and artisan as they are to the capitalist: unadvised, and on these prime questions of good government the decision is to be made under which party men will choose to live. All this flattery and fraudulent leadism to the workingmen by acute politicians is very much out of place, and a shame to the party they represent as it would be to the men themselves were they not utterly shameless. The intelligent people know by frequent and bitter experience that all this disgusting twaddle about being "raised at the anvil and the plow-handle" means nothing to them but "please give me your votes." There can hardly be a man of forty years of age and upwards living in the Middle and Western states who has not at some time in his life worked at a trade, and for smooth-tongued office-seekers to continually parade such facts before the people and make them their excuse for asking for their votes is simply unbecoming and an evidence of total unfitness to receive votes. The very name "workingmen," which is simply a stick with which "smart" politicians muddy the waters to hide their operations, is a demagogical term. There is not a man in the country who earns a day's wages with the pen or with the yard stick who is not as much a workingman as the man who works on a railroad or handles a shovel. The man who endeavors to confuse the minds of the populace and gain their votes by such trickery is just as much a thief and a more dangerous criminal than the man who steals the money out of a greeny's pocket by any confidence trick. The late riots have awakened every man who owns a little home which he has paid for out of hard-earned wages, or is trying to pay for, and which he hopes to enlarge and improve in the future, to the sense of his responsibility for the solution of "the labor question," and of the question whether his all shall be swept away in riots or shall steadily appreciate in value. These men can see, and all will soon see, that it is not the laboring population they need to fear, but it is the demagogues—thieves that steal men's minds. What we need most is not a standing army to suppress riots but an honest political sentiment which will banish the Williamsons, the Landers, the Ryans and the Hendersons from political place and influence.

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SPRINGFIELD ITEMS

AUGUSTA, ME., August 9.—The State Republican Convention was called to order at the appointed hour by James G. Blaine, chairman of the State committee. On taking the stand, he was greeted with great applause.

Mr. Blaine read the call for the convention, and called upon Joseph Drummond, of Portland, to preside. During the preliminary organization, Drummond, on taking the chair, made a few remarks, in which he referred to the success of the party in Maine during the past twenty-one years, and counseled moderation in order to preserve the integrity of the Republican party.

Upon reassembling Gov. Connor was renominated unanimously and by acclamation. A committee having been appointed to notify Gov. Connor of his renomination, the committee on resolutions reported.

Chas. J. Talbot moved the adoption of the resolutions, and moved the previous question. A scene of confusion followed, and the previous question was not seconded. Gen. J. S. Chamberlain moved an amendment as follows: Resolved, We reaffirm unshaken confidence in the integrity, patriotism and statesmanship of R. B. Hayes, and we cordially approve his efforts to carry out in good faith the principles avowed by the Cincinnati convention. Gov. Chamberlain spoke in favor of his amendment, and his remarks were received with great applause.

C. A. Bontelle, of Bangor, moved the following amendment, and advocated its adoption. Resolved, This convention declares the belief that Gov. Packard, of Louisiana, and Gov. Chamberlain, of South Carolina, were entitled to their respective offices, by the same votes which elected R. B. Hayes President of the United States, and that both governors were clearly entitled to recognition by the National Government, and by the failure to recognize them, placed the National Government in the humiliating attitude of surrendering to rebels threatening with arms in their hands to resist its legitimate authority.

Hon. V. A. Farwell, of Rockland, spoke in favor of Gov. Chamberlain's resolution. Blaine took the floor and said he was opposed to both resolutions, and in favor of peace. He moved that the resolutions be tabled.

A. G. Leboeuf made a violent speech against the administration, which was greeted with cheers and hisses. After other speeches, Aaron V. Morrill proceeded to address the convention amid a great scene of confusion, being greeted with cheers and hisses.

Mr. Blaine's motion to lay on the table both resolutions prevailed.

BLAINE'S SPEECH.

Senator Blaine, in his speech advocating the adoption of his motion to lay the preliminary and antagonistic resolutions on the table said: "I do not rise to speak for an endorsement of the administration or against it, for the southern policy or in opposition to it. A difference is existing in the Republican party. What shall be done about it? Shall one man be compelled to swallow the opinion of others, or shall not each have the liberty to cherish his own? I am opposed to both these resolutions. I am known by perhaps every member of this convention to entertain very decided views on the southern question, but I am just as ready to vote against a resolution condemning the President's policy as I am to vote against one approving it. We can not take action either way without offending good men and creating needless heartburnings and divisions. We can all unite on a strong platform embracing the issues which we hold in common; we can all rally as one man to the support of Gov. Connor, we can be tolerant of each other's opinions. We can all remember and teach the old theological maxim which declares 'In essentials there should be unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things charity.'"

TUSCULOA, August 9.—Two elevators owned by Wesley Murphy and Davis Finney, were destroyed by fire, this morning. Loss, about \$25,000; insured for \$14,000.

Good Driving Horses, perfectly safe for the ladies, with two of the finest phaetons in the State, at Caldwell Bros. Eclipse Stables. [May 30 dtf]

SPRINGFIELD, August 9.—Daniel Harlow, father of Secretary of State Harlow, died at his son's residence here early this morning, at the age of seventy six.

E. B. Cook, of Chicago, appointed Receiver of the Protection Life Insurance Company, of Chicago, notifies the State Auditor that he has discovered that the \$10,000 of Carlinville National bank stock on deposit with the Auditor, among the securities of the company, and withdrawn July 12 last, has since disappeared from the custody of the company, and cannot be found. It is alleged that the certificates of stock were in the company's safe a few days ago, and were noted on the schedule of the assets of the company. The Auditor, on learning of the disappearance, has notified the officers of the bank that any transfer of the ownership of the stock would be resisted, as it was claimed as a portion of the assets of the company that must be accounted for on the settlement of its affairs.

The Auditor's clerical force is to day notifying all agents of the Protection of the condition of the company, and prohibiting them from doing any business in the state.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Secretary Schurz having been up since this day with reference to Kemble's statement, published this morning, said that Kemble's statement is a confession that the story of \$1,500 having been paid to him for repeating the same speech three times, started by him and disseminated by Gail Hamilton, was a falsehood; that Kemble had now reduced his own figures from \$500 per day to \$500 per week in 1860 and 1868, a reduction of 600 per cent; that Kemble would have to reduce his figures several hundred per cent more, and spread them over several weeks, during which Schurz had been active in the Pennsylvania campaigns in 1860—about five or six weeks and he did not remember how many in 1868, that he (Schurz) had never deemed having accepted compensation in these years, when he was for months engaged in campaigning, simply because he was obliged by his circumstances to do so, but that the whole matter had been maliciously misrepresented. Schurz also says he had, since 1866, probably given more time and labor to campaign work without compensation than either of the gentlemen named in Kemble's letter, except Senator Wilson, and perhaps more than any man in the country, that the attacks upon him were first started by political opponents who mentioned \$100 as the sum paid for each speech, that then the gossips and slander mongers raised the sum \$200, until finally Kemble and Gail Hamilton inflated it \$500 per speech.

LONG BRANCH, August 9.—The train leaving Jersey City at 7 45 this morning, on the Central road, met with a serious accident at Ocean Point. Through some unknown cause the engine jumped the track and running along the ties, plunged into the bank, the sudden shock throwing the baggage car and three passenger cars over the side of the bridge into the water which was about three feet deep. As far as known, no lives were lost, but several very severely injured.

The train was fully loaded, and those in the cars in the water, were in a state of greatest consternation, crying loudly for help. Those who could stand were about waist deep in water. One after another they were taken through the car windows, until it is believed every passenger was rescued. Not more than forty persons were wounded, and not more than three or four of the number dangerously.

For Kansas.—There will be an excursion over the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, leaving Decatur August 8th. For particulars enquire of T. Bivans, over the post office, Decatur, Ill. [July 20-d&wt]

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Administrator's Notice

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**ANNOUNCEMENT.**  
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..The county fair is coming.  
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..Go to Nield & Co.'s, near the mound,  
for the best breakfast bacon.  
..Fresh lemons and choice prunes, at  
Newell & Hammer's.  
..Caldwell Brothers' hack meets all  
trains by day or night, and will respond  
promptly to all orders left at the Melrose  
livery stable, or at Que & Son's drug  
store.  
..Choice cuts of meat and fresh veg-  
etables are the right kind of material  
for a good dinner, and they may always  
be had at Young's meat market on  
Prairie street.  
..Whitcomb & Ballard's cigars are nice  
enough to suit the taste of the most  
fastidious. Try them.  
..The "squires" all complain of dull  
times, and are waiting for somebody to  
kick up a muss.  
..The Midland Railroad Company is  
to give an excursion to Puerto on Sun-  
day next.  
..If any man wants to see business  
let him take a squint down East Main  
street to-day.  
..The dry weather which prevails in  
this immediate vicinity does not seem  
to be general through the state. From  
Jacksonville we learn that copious  
showers have fallen within a week, and  
the region round about Morgan county  
is well watered.  
..Every disadvantage has its compen-  
sations—hard times as well as other  
things. For instance, the fact of money  
being "tight" prevents lots of fellows  
from getting in the same fix.  
..In those fields of corn where a large  
growth has been attained, it is feared  
that the dry weather will stunt the ears  
and prevent their filling.  
..Decatur tourists are coming home  
"like clouds and as doves to their win-  
dows," so to speak.  
..Tony Pastor's Company is booked to  
be here on the night of Friday, the  
21st inst. This company is immense,  
and will give a finer entertainment than  
Decatur often sees.  
..Abel & Locke are having a new  
glass front put in their carpet store on  
East Main street, which will be a fine  
improvement to the building, and will  
also enable this enterprising firm to  
show their goods to better advantage.  
..It is said of a lady in this city, who  
was once young, that at the age of 18  
she declared that no man who stood less  
than six feet four in his boots could  
ever share her bed and board; but now,  
after having reached the mature age of  
41 and attained a better judgment, she is  
willing to reverse the figures and call it  
four feet six.  
..The following is from the Memphis  
Ledger:  
MEMPHIS.—In this city, on July 31,  
1877, at the residence of Mrs. M. J.  
Locke, the bride's mother, by the Rev.  
Dr. George White, Mr. Wm. C. Andrews,  
of Decatur, Ill., and Miss Mary Locke,  
of this city.  
..For pure drugs and medicines go to  
Armstrong's, corner East Main street  
and old square.  
..If P. Taylor's hack meets all trains  
and makes calls in any part of the city.  
Order slate at Armstrong's drug store.  
..There came near being a "strike"  
this morning on the part of a couple of  
boys, who seemed to be having a slight  
unpleasantness. A compromise was final-  
ly effected, and so there was a cordial  
handshaking and "nary" strike. A very  
reasonable termination of a dispute about  
chickens.  
..The Decatur Guards have been as-  
signed to the Fifth regiment, and lettered  
as Company G. The Fifth is the  
crack regiment of the State, and we are  
glad that our boys have been so fortu-  
nate as to be assigned to its ranks, and  
we hope that the Guards will become  
the banner company of the regiment.  
..From the east part of the county  
where corn suffered in the early part of  
the season from too much wet weather,  
we learn that there is a good prospect  
of quite a crop where at first it was sup-  
posed there would be none at all; that is,  
provided rain should come in time to  
give the ears a good start.  
..Capt. Abel, of the firm of Abel &  
Locke, has just returned from New  
York, where he has been selecting the  
finest stock of carpets and house-furnish-  
ing goods ever brought to Decatur. The  
Captain's purchases are now on the road  
and will soon be on exhibition at the  
firm's spacious warehouses on East  
Main street. Persons wanting goods in  
the line indicated, should call and ex-  
amine this magnificent stock.  
..To-Night.—The six-footers will meet  
at the courthouse this evening at 8:30.  
All interested in the formation of the  
company are invited to be present.  
..You can get one of Sidenbush's best  
Key West cigars for 10 cents, at the  
Cash Drug Store of Que & Son.  
Aug. 10-dw  
..Serious Accident.—Sheriff Forsmyer  
informs us that this morning, at For-  
syth, a young man named Bishop, who  
was unloading corn at Baxter's ware-  
house, had his arm caught in the wheels  
of the corn-sheller and literally torn off.

A Pleasant Surprise.—A very pleas-  
ant surprise took place at the resi-  
dence of Mr. Jos. Michl, on West Main  
street, his daughter Louise being the  
surprised one, Miss Minnie Murphy  
and Miss Lulu Zimmerman having ar-  
ranged the affair, making it very  
pleasant and enjoyable for all present.  
About 10 o'clock Prof. Goodman's full  
cornet band furnished a most delightful  
serenade. They were invited in, and  
were kindly waited on by Mrs. Michl  
and Miss Anna Zimmerman, to partake  
of the good things which had been pre-  
pared in the line of refreshments—  
Dancing, playing and music were the  
order of the evening. The party broke  
up at 12 o'clock, well pleased with their  
evening's fun. Many thanks to Mr. and  
Mrs. Michl and their daughter, Miss  
Carrie, for their kind attentions.

Serenading.—The Decatur band was  
out on a serenading tour last night, first  
calling at the Zimmerman House, the  
proprietor of which is a member of the  
band, and has been for some time con-  
fined to his house by illness. From  
there they went to the residence of Mr.  
Michl, on West Main street, where the  
friends of Miss Louise Michl were pay-  
ing her a surprise visit, and where they  
were invited to partake of a beautiful  
collation. From the residence of Mr.  
M. they went to the home of Hon. W.  
E. Nelson, our newly-elected Judge.  
His Honor appeared at the door and in-  
vited the boys in, but they preferred to  
remain outside, where Judge Nelson  
made them a brief and pertinent speech,  
acknowledging the honor shown him.

Church Dedication.—Our readers will  
bear in mind that the new U. S. Church  
at Casser Station, is to be dedicated on  
Sunday next. Preaching at 10½ in the  
forenoon and at 3 in the afternoon, by  
Bishop Weaver, of Ohio. For the ac-  
commodation of those in Decatur who  
may wish to attend, a special train will  
leave here over the I. D. & S. railroad  
at 9 o'clock in the morning, returning  
after the services in the afternoon. Fare  
for the round trip, 50 cents. Contigu-  
ous to the church are numerous beauti-  
ful shade trees, and near at hand is an  
abundance of good water, and it is de-  
sired that those who come from a dis-  
tance should bring refreshments for a  
basket meeting. All are cordially in-  
vited.

Stir up the Fair.—This is what every-  
body should do. Inasmuch as we are to  
have a fair our people should make the  
most of it, and get up something that  
will be a credit to the county. There is  
no time to lose. Talk up the show and  
persuade your neighbors to prepare  
something for exhibition. Ladies, get  
your preserves and canned fruits ready.  
Needle work also, will be an important  
item, and nearly every lady can do  
something to add to this part of the ex-  
hibition. In a word, let men, women  
and children bestir themselves at once,  
and prepare contributions for a grand  
display.

The Minstrels To-Night.—Don't fail  
to see the superb performance of the  
California minstrels to-night. Here is  
what an exchange says of the entertain-  
ment:  
From the rising of the curtain on the  
first part until it was rung down on the  
side-splitting comedy that closed the  
evening's entertainment, it was one con-  
tinued, delightful performance. The  
most laughable jokes, fresh and racy;  
the most exquisite game of song and  
ballet, rendered by such superior artists  
as Bernardo, Frank Wilson, and others  
of no less fame, afforded a large amount  
of pleasure to the audience.

Harnum's Great Show.—We give  
below an extract from the New York  
Tribune in relation to one feature of  
the entertainment to which our people are  
to be treated on Wednesday of next  
week:  
"The most powerful attrac-  
tion was the performance of the magi-  
ficient black 'Trakene' stallions that  
seemed to obey the slightest motion of  
their master, Mr. Oscar. They pranced  
and danced in the most dainty fashion,  
and finally reared in the air as if over-  
whelmed him. The success of this feature  
of the show is wonderful; that crowds  
of people who really care little for the  
circus performance proper, come two  
and three times to see this part of the  
entertainment.

Pushing Things.—Mr. Goldstein, the  
contractor for improving East Main  
street, informed us last evening that  
during yesterday he received 1000 loads  
of gravel, and completed nearly or quite  
a block. These 1000 loads represent the  
sum of \$400 paid out for yesterday's  
work, the price paid teamsters being 40  
cents per load. Many of the teams make  
10 loads per day, which is certainly very  
fair wages. The street work this season  
affords employment to a large number  
of men and teams, which would other-  
wise have been idle.

Decatur Guards, Attention!—Let ev-  
ery member of this company be on hand  
this evening promptly at 8½ o'clock, for  
drill.

By order of A. Goodman, Captain  
Commanding.  
B. W. DILLMUNT, O. S.

Fresh Lot of Verbenas, at the Cash  
Drug Store, 19 North Water street.  
Aug. 10-dw

**PERSONAL MENTION.**  
Mr. L. L. Haworth and family return-  
ed last evening from their vacation trip  
to Chicago and the "regions beyond."  
Geo. M. Wood and family left yester-  
day to pay a visit to his father at Car-  
rollton, this State, and they may prob-  
ably extend their journey and visit to  
Topeka, Kansas.

Ferriss! Ferriss! Ferriss! Why do  
you sell so cheap? [Aug 10-dw]

A Delightful Picnic.—On Thursday,  
August 8th, quite a number of the citi-  
zens of Wheatland township, together  
with their families and a few representa-  
tives from Mt. Zion and Long Creek,  
assembled at the Green Hill ford of the  
Sangamon river, and pleasure was the  
order of the day. A table was exten-  
sively provided from playwired wagon boxes  
and loaded "with all the luxuries of the  
season." There was coffee for those who  
were cold, and ice cream for those who  
were warm, and the fishermen of the  
occasion (fifteen in number) were so for-  
tunate as to secure an abundant supply  
for the seventy persons who partook of  
the dinner, (those fish made a quick trip  
from the flood to the frying pan), besides  
having a fine lot to divide among them-  
selves afterward. The beauty of the  
occasion was that there was no pro-  
gramme. There were no speeches, ex-  
cept such as the young men made to the  
young ladies. The children were turned  
loose to gather rocks and shells, and to  
wade in the shallow water. The men  
fished, or didn't, as seemed good in  
their own eyes; while the ladies gather-  
ed ferns and mosses, which will not  
only adorn many a home the coming  
winter, but also suggest many a memory  
of one of the most pleasant days that  
was ever spent in the woods.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Elevators Burned.—We have infor-  
mation from Mr. Howard, of the Tuscola  
Herald, to the effect that two elevators  
were burned in that city last night,  
making a loss of \$14,000. One was the  
property of Davis & Finney, and the  
other was owned by the Grange. It is  
stated that the property was insured, but  
for what amount the communication  
does not say.

R. C. Crocker has arrangements with  
manufacturers for the sale of the best  
heating and cooking stoves ever brought  
to this market, and will at the opening  
of the fall trade have a full supply.  
Persons needing new outfits in this line  
should hear Mr. C. in mind and see his  
styles before purchasing. Mr. C. has  
also the best styles of grates and ranges,  
and will be able to meet all demands in  
his line of trade. His general stock of  
hardware and cutlery is also full and  
select.

Decatur Building and Benefit Asso-  
ciation.—By order of the Board of Di-  
rectors, a fourth series of the stock of  
the above Association will be issued, to  
date from the first Tuesday in Septem-  
ber, 1877. Subscriptions received and  
full information furnished by the Sec-  
retary, at the office of Warren & Dur-  
fee, court house block.

B. K. DUMFRIES, Sec'y.  
Decatur, Aug. 10-dw

Go and see those elegant infant's shoes  
at Ferriss', just received in every va-  
riety. [Aug 10-dw]

Go and see those elegant and stylish  
gent's shoes at Ferriss'; new, full styles.  
Aug. 10-dw

Engine for Sale.—A six-horse power  
engine, in perfect order, for sale cheap.  
An excellent opportunity to obtain a  
bargain. Apply to Chambers, Berlin  
& Quinn. [July 24-dw]

**CARPETS** Within the past few days  
we have added largely to our stock of  
Brussels and Ingrain carpets, in new and  
handsome styles.  
May 18-dw LINN & SCRUGGS.

Go to E. B. Pratt's, 97 North  
Church street, for your groceries, glass  
and queensware. [Apr 30-dw]

**The Cheap Hamburg Em-  
broideries yet Offered,** just received  
by  
LINN & SCRUGGS.

**Hams, Shoulders, Bacon,** pick-  
led pork, canned and dried beef, by the  
pound or slice, at 37 North Church-st.  
April 30-dw E. B. PRATT.

**RIBBONS** Great Bargains—Only 15  
and 20 cents—worth 25c to  
\$1.00 per yard.  
March 31-dw LINN & SCRUGGS.

**Marked Down.**—We propose to sell  
our large spring stock of boots and  
shoes, if low prices will do it. Try us,  
and get our prices.  
BARNER & BAKER'S.  
May 30-dw

Phetons for the Ladies, Fine Horses,  
perfectly safe, at Caldwell Bros' Eclipse  
Stables. [May 29-dw]

For Rent—A good story and a half  
house, on North Water street, with sev-  
eral rooms and summer kitchen. Apply  
at this office. [June 8-dw]

Teachers' Institute.—Any persons  
who will entertain teachers at reduced  
rates, or free of charge, during the  
session of the Teachers' Institute in this  
city, which commences on Monday,  
August 18th, are requested to leave  
their names at Mr. J. S. Hand's book  
store on Prairie street.  
July 30-dw

**The Handmade and Cheapest  
BLACK SILKS**  
ever opened in Decatur, at  
April 7-dw LINN & SCRUGGS.

Organs to rent, by C. B. Prescott  
Office at Hand's book store, first door  
west of the post office.  
June 30-dw

Leave Orders at Wood's for Ice  
Cream. He uses nothing but pure cream.  
July 10-dw

Patents procured by L. P. Graham, a  
39 West Wood street. [July 31-dw]

Mr. Will F. White will be pleased to  
receive calls from his friends, at Que &  
Son's Cash Drug Store, 19 N. Water St.  
Aug 10-dw

**M. GOLDBURG**  
**NO 8.**  
Merchant Street,  
(OLD SQUARE)  
Decatur, : : Illinois,  
Is receiving almost daily, from the "Larg-  
est Importing House in New York,"

**Berlin Zephyrs!**  
**CANVAS.**  
**PERFORATED CARD-BOARDS,**  
**PATTERNS,**  
And everything in the line of  
Crocheting and Embroidering,  
German Town Wool  
and Burlap Canvas.  
In addition to the above, he keeps the  
best assortment of  
**CORSETS**  
Mrs. Moody's Abdominal Corset,  
—AND—  
**FRENCH & DOMESTIC CORSETS**  
which are sold very cheap

**FANCY GOODS,**  
**NOTIONS,**  
**Ladies' White Underwear**  
—AND—  
**LINEN DRESSES,**  
All of which is sold cheaper than any lady  
can buy the material for. A good stock of  
**HOSIERY & GLOVES**  
A Splendid Kid, which is sold at 75 cents  
Hamburg Edgings, from 1 cent upward.

**Executer's Notice.**  
Estate of SAMUEL J. HEDING, deceased.  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all  
persons having claims and demands  
against the estate of Samuel J. Hedging,  
deceased, to present the same for adju-  
dication and settlement at a regular term  
of the County Court of Macon county, to be  
held at the Court House, in the city of  
Decatur, on the third Monday of Septem-  
ber, A. D. 1877, being the first day of said  
term.  
Decatur, Ill., July 14, A. D. 1877.  
July 19-dw U. H. GARVER, Executor.

**Asphalt Paving**  
For SIDEWALKS, BASEMENTS, CELL-  
ARS, DRIVES, STABLE FLOORS, AREAS,  
BREWERIES, &c. The Cheapest and Most  
Durable Paveement in the World. ASPHALT  
and Paving Material for sale. Orders  
promptly executed. Send for Estimates.  
Address  
**FULTON & CO.,**  
174 LaSalle St., Chicago.  
July 6, 1877-dw

**Administrator's Sale.**  
THE undersigned, administrator of the  
estate of Charles J. Lowry, deceased, of  
Blue Mound township, will sell at public  
auction at the late residence of said Lowry,  
situated south-west of Decatur, on FRIDAY  
AUGUST 24th, 1877, the following property,  
to-wit: Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Two Wagons,  
Farm Utensils, Etc., and also a quantity  
of Furniture, Hay in stack, Corn in the field  
and other articles. Sale to commence at  
ten o'clock.  
A credit of nine months, with approved  
security, on sums over \$5 five dollars and  
under, may be had.  
G. E. CONARD, Administrator.  
Aug. 9, 1877-w

Book-keepers, Reporters,  
Operators, School Teachers  
**Permen**  
Filed at Great Mercantile College, Keokuk, Iowa

**M. GOLDBURG.**  
May 22, 1877-dw

**AT COST!**  
**We Will Close Out**  
*Our Entire Stock of*  
**LADIES' LINEN SUITS**  
—AND—  
**OVERSKIRTS AND BASQUES,**  
**AT COST.**  
**LINN & SCRUGGS**  
Decatur, July 16, 1877-dw

**Bankruptcy Beat!**  
**25 PER CENT SAVED**  
By going to FERRISS' for your BOOTS and SHOES.  
SAMPLE PRICES:  
Men's genuine (warranted) Calf Boots,.....\$2.50  
" Heavy Boots,..... 1.90  
" Fine Shoes,..... 1.60  
Ladies' Kid Side Lace Shoes,..... 1.90  
" Pebble Side Lace Shoes,..... 1.50  
" Front Lace Shoes,..... 1.25  
Slippers,..... .25  
Etc., Etc. Everything warranted.

And we have got the sizes, width and kinds you want.  
Not any old-time honored shop-keepers that are not  
worth ten cents on the dollar, but all fresh and new  
and late style goods.  
**LUTHER L. FERRISS.**  
Aug. 10, 1877-dw

**J. H. LEWIS & CO.**  
—ARE OFFERING—  
**French, China, Tea & Dinner Sets**  
**At Less Prices than Ever.**  
Decorated Dinner and Tea Sets in  
Parisian Porcelain; very desirable  
goods at reasonable prices.  
Several new and handsome patterns  
of Dinner and Tea Ware, in iron stone  
china.  
The largest stock of Croquet in the  
city at prices low enough to please al-  
most any one.  
Also, Parisian Porcelain Ware in  
white, either in full or partial sets.

**FOR RENT.**  
A fine front room, suitable for office or sleeping purposes, directly  
over our store and overlooking the Park.

**FOR SALE.**  
No. 1 BLACK WALNUT OFFICE DESK, with seven drawers and  
place for books. In first-class order.

**J. H. LEWIS & CO.,**  
Opera House Block.  
Decatur, July 11, 1877-dw

**OLD-FASHIONED**  
Square bar Soap is the most economical to use. Preserving and wrapping are of no possible benefit to  
soap, but are done to make it look attractive and to make it sell. The best material known for producing a hard, serviceable and  
effective soap. It is not in soapstone bars, of convenient and economical shape, and not stamped.  
The style in which this soap is put and packed, is all modern system, and is of a superior  
kind. It is sold at such low prices that you are sure to get a large quantity. Every bar of the genuine  
stamped "PROCTOR & GAMBLE'S NOTED SOAP." Take no other. Sold every where.

**Blenz & Dauzeisen,**  
**BUTCHERS**  
—AND—  
**PACKERS.**  
A NEW STOCK OF  
**SMOKED AND CURED MEATS**  
**WEST SIDE OLD SQUARE.**  
We have on hand a choice lot of  
Sugar-Cured Hams, Shoulders, Break-  
fast Bacon, Dried Beef, Bologna  
Sausages, and Cured  
wholesale and retail.

**Paniers and Bustles.**  
A Large Stock on hand and made to order,  
at the Lowest Prices.

**Fresh Meats**  
Of all kinds on hand. We kill only first-  
-est stock.  
Meats sliced, at 10 cents per pound—  
cash.  
Decatur, Feb. 24, 1877-dw

**REVOLVER FOR SALE.**  
Seven Shot Revolver,  
with case, in perfect order,  
for sale at 150.  
JAMES BERRY & SON,  
Wood St. Chicago, Ill.

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A beautiful Quarterly Journal, giving  
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design. Price with the first number, 25  
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